

American Corn Growers Wind Energy Report

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Wind Energy Development

- ⇒ Ninety-three percent of those surveyed support wind energy development
- ⇒ Corn producers believe, by a margin of 2 to 1, that wind energy can provide additional farm income.
- ⇒ Eighty-nine percent feel that farmers, as well as industry and public institutions, should promote wind power as an alternative energy source

Promoting Wind Energy

- ⇒ Eighty-eight percent of those surveyed want utility companies to accept electricity from wind turbines
- ⇒ Seventy-eight percent want state-level incentives to promote wind energy
- ⇒ Seventy-eight percent feel that government tax credit programs are a way to encourage wind energy development
- ⇒ Eighty-two percent of corn producers believe the rural electric cooperatives should help promote and support wind energy.

Supporting Wind Energy

- ⇒ Corn producers believe that the government should make a major commitment toward promoting wind energy.
- ⇒ Seventy-six percent of those surveyed, want the federal government to encourage new transmission capacity as a means to get wind produced electricity to the consumer.
- ⇒ Corn producers strongly support the Energy Title in the current Farm Bill.
- ⇒ Seventy-seven percent of Corn producers believe a state level incentive similar to what the Minnesota legislature has in place is a positive way to support wind energy.

Investing in Wind Energy

- ⇒ Eighty-one percent of corn producers would be more inclined to invest in wind energy for its positive environmental impact.
- ⇒ Fifty-one percent would be willing to personally invest in wind power projects
- ⇒ Thirty four percent would be unwilling to personally invest in wind power projects.
- ⇒ Fifty-nine percent of the respondents believe that wind energy can provide additional income to their farming operation.

Financial Rewards of Wind Energy

- ⇒ Ninety percent of corn producers have strong opinions regarding the methods used to make wind power financially rewarding.
- ⇒ Thirty-eight percent think that leasing their land for the placement of turbines is the best way to be successful.
- ⇒ Thirty-one percent of corn producers feel that investing in farmer-owned wind power coops is the best route to success
- ⇒ Thirteen percent think having a small wind turbine for personal on-farm use would be the most productive method.